

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - Mid-September 2017



This special edition of the newsletter highlights several important upcoming events in the City, along with the City's solicitation for individuals to serve on the various City committees and boards.

Additionally, winter is coming. Well, winter is still a few months away, but being prepared for potential storms is vital. September is National Preparedness Month, with the theme of "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." Please visit www.ready.gov/september to learn more about emergency preparedness and the resources available to help you plan ahead for disasters and emergencies.



REMINDER: Seeking Applicants for the Mayor's Youth Council

REMINDER: The deadline to apply for the Mayor's Youth Council is Friday, September 29th.

Mayor Matt Pacifico established a Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) to engage more young people in the community.

The purpose of the MYC is to provide area high school students the opportunity to share their ideas and concerns about issues young people face today. From advising the Mayor on key priorities to acting as a liaison between the school hall and City Hall, the MYC works together to give a voice to young people across our community.

Similar initiatives are currently ongoing in cities around the country, as well

as national youth conference held yearly by the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C.

The Mayor is seeking an engaged group of approximately 20 high school juniors and seniors from across Altoona to participate on the MYC. In order to be considered for participation, interested students will need to complete an application and provide two letters of recommendation.

The application will be open to junior and senior students who attend the Altoona Area High School, Bishop Guilfoyle High School, and Great Commission Schools. The MYC will take place during the school year and will require that students apply on a yearly basis to participate.

Students will meet once a month at approximately 3:15p.m. for one hour. The meeting location will alternate between Altoona Area High School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School each month. The MYC will officially meet in November 2017.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Burgess, Legislative Aide to Mayor Matt Pacifico, at sburgess@altoonapa.gov or 814-949-2476.

To access the application packet, please click here:

Mayor's Youth Council Application Packet

AASD Childhood Cancer Awareness

The Altoona Area School District (AASD) held its Annual AASD Steps in the Right Direction event to support Childhood Cancer Awareness Month on September 10th. AASD partnered with the Brian Morden Foundation to encourage students to exercise and "count their steps" during September not only to develop healthy lifestyles, but also to help bring awareness to childhood cancer.

To help raise awareness to childhood cancer, AASD held a kick-off walk for students and families at Mansion Park. Mayor Pacifico was on hand that day to get in some steps and support their efforts.

Additionally, the Brian Morden Foundation has created a team within the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, Alex's Million Mile for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Alex's Mile Mile is dedicated to fund researchers so they can find better treatments and more cures for kids battling cancer. The goal is to walk, run, or ride one million miles to raise \$1

million.

Regarding the Brian Morden Foundation team, it doesn't cost anything to register and you do not need to make a donation. To join the team and log your miles all through the month of September, go to:

<https://www.alexlemonade.org/mypage/1314953>. Click on the "Join the Team" button about 1/2 way down the page on the right. Your participation will help raise much needed awareness and funds!



ZombieTown USA



Attention Boils and Ghouls! ZombieTown USA is gearing up for its second annual invasion in Downtown Altoona October 6 - 7, 2017.

ZombieTown USA is a collaboration between our local businesses, non-profits, city leaders, and volunteers. The goal is to celebrate and promote

the diverse community, support local arts, culture, and the local economy. ZombieTown USA is for the community, by our community.

Friday's (October 6) Zombie Festivities will take place at the Railroaders Memorial Museum and include:

- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Ghost Hunt
- Music by PennterA (PanterA Tribute Band) and Small Town Horror Show.

Saturday's (October 7) Zombie Festivities will take place around Heritage Plaza and include:

- Zombie Survival Run (**Must register to participate.** Register at www.zombietownusa.com)
- Altoona's First Halloween Parade
- Vendors
- Art exhibits
- Zombie costume contests
- Food Bank collection drive
- Kids Zone
- Altoona Mirror will present music by Agent Smith "Alice in Chains" Tribute
- Outdoor nighttime showing of the original "Night of the Living Dead."

Additionally, ZombieTown USA will once again host students from horror and special effect make-up legend Tom Savini's School of Special Make-Up Effects in Pittsburgh. They will be on hand to provide realistic zombies throughout the event.

Please visit ZombieTown USA's website for more information and to keep up-to-date on new events being added:

ZombieTown USA

Fall Taste of Downtown Altoona

The 2nd Annual Fall Taste of Downtown Altoona will take place Sunday, October 15, 2017. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and will feature special guest, singer Josh Gallagher. Participants can pick up wristbands at the Discovery Center and proceed on a walking tour of downtown.

Participating restaurants include: Tac-o the Town, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Zoë Cafe, The Clay Cup, Club Car Cafe, Mountain View Farms & Sausage Co., Wingate, Railroad City Brewery, Salsa's Food Truck, Two 20 Studios, 1402 1/2 Bakery & Lunchroom, and Gary's Groceries.

Tickets at \$30 and can be purchased at the following locations:

- ACT-1213 12th Street
- Southern Allegheny Museum of Arts-1210 11th Street
- Blair County Arts Foundation-1212 12th Avenue
- Altoona Area Public Library-1600 5th Avenue
- Blair Concert Chorale-1212 12th Avenue
- Allegheny Ballet Company- 1415 11th Avenue #2
- Altoona Symphony Orchestra-1331 12th Avenue #107

Proceeds from the Blair County Arts Foundation, Altoona Community Theatre, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Allegheny Ballet Co., Altoona Symphony Orchestra, Altoona Public Library, and Blair Concert Chorale.



Second Annual

Fall Taste of **DOWNTOWN ALTOONA**

with Josh Gallagher

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Doors open @ 3:30pm • \$30 per ticket

- Food samplings at all participating restaurants
- Receive your wristband at the opening reception to be held at the Heritage Discover Center at 3:30pm w/ complimentary beer, beverages, and appetizers plus meet and greet w/ Josh Gallagher
- **Participating Restaurants:**
Tac-o the Town • Dickey's Barbecue Pit • Zoë Café
The Clay Cup • Club Car Cafe • Salsa's Food Truck
Mountain View Sausage Co. • Two 20 Studios
Wingate • Railroad City Brewery • Gary's Groceries
1402 1/2 Bakery & Lunchroom
- **Proceeds Benefit:**
Blair County Arts Foundation • Altoona Community Theatre • Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art
Allegheny Ballet Co. • Altoona Symphony Orchestra
Altoona Public Library • Blair Concert Chorale

Menu

<p>Tac-o the Town Taco Salad</p> <p>Dickey's Barbecue Pit Beef Brisket Smokestack Asiago Creamed Spinach Baked Potato Casserole</p> <p>Zoë Cafe Walking Crepes Acai Bowls</p> <p>The Clay Cup Pumpkin Chai London Fog Stowaway</p> <p>Club Car Cafe Pumpkin Latte PSU Bakery Cookies</p> <p>Mountain View Farms & Sausage Co. Farm Raised, Handmade Hot & Sweet Sausage w/ Grilled Peppers & Onions</p>	<p>Wingate Soft Pretzel Bites w/Beer Cheese Sauce</p> <p>Railroad City Brewery On Tap Beer Tasting</p> <p>Salsa's Food Truck Street Taco w/choice of Steak, Chicken, or Pastor</p> <p>Two 20 Studios Wine Tasting</p> <p>1402 1/2 Bakery & Lunchroom Sneak Peek of Bakery Renovation w/Sampling of Baked Goods</p> <p>Gary's Groceries Meatball Sliders Hoagie Samplers Meat/Cheese Platters Bottled Water & Soda</p>
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Accepting Applications for City's

Talent Bank

Calling all residents! The City of Altoona is currently accepting applications for the City's various committees and boards.

To view the various committees and boards available to serve on, and to download an application, please visit www.altoonapa.gov or click on the text box below.

Applications are due by Friday, December 1st and can be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, Altoona City Hall, 1301 12th Street, Suite, Altoona, PA 16601, phone #949-2486, fax #949-2411, email: cityclerk@altoonapa.gov.

Talent Bank Application

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